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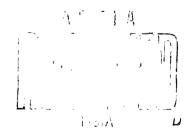
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INTRODUCTION .

With the higher operating temperatures that will be encountered in future almoraft, the requirements for strength and oxidation resistance at elevated temperatures will eliminate the use of the silver-base brazing allows in sandwish panel construction.

Basic research on the brazability of alloys for high-temperature use was conducted under two separate Corporate Funded projects in 1958. As a result of this work, Rene' 41 was selected for consideration in applications to 1600 F and A-286 in applications to 1800 F.

This program was conducted to determine the effect of brazing cycles on the mechanical properties of the two alloys just mentioned and develop structurally sound brazed 6'' x 6'' honeycomb sandwich panels of each.

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The receipt of honeycomb core material of A-286 and Rene! 41 occasioned checking of previously obtained brazing results, using the fail gage materials. This work revealed that all the high temperature brazing alloys previously studied ended and emtrithed the honeycomb care during the brazing operation. Experiments to average these difficulties have resulted in the successful brazing of 6" x 6" panels in A-286. No brazing alloy has been found that is fully satisfactory for brazing honeycomb sandwich panels of Rene! 41. The results of high temperature exidation and dreep tests indicate that Rene! 41 will require some form of surface protection when used in thin sheet form at 1600 F.

The results of the tests conducted or honeycomb sandwich panels of A-286 brazed with an alloy of 65.2% Cu, 21.7% Mn, 8.7% Co, and 4.35% Ni indicate that this combination merits further investigation. This is a commercial composite referred to as Coast 1700 plus 10% Co and 5% Ni.

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OBJECT:

The objects of this test were: 1) To determine the brazing alloy most compatible for use with A-286 and Rene' 41 and the brazing characteristics, 2) to braze 6" x 6" honeycomb sandwich panels, and 3) to determine the effect of the brazing cycle on the mechanical properties of the alloys A-286 and Rene' 41.

DESCRIPTION OF SPECIMENS:

Two base metal alloys were selected on the basis of their high temperature mechanical properties for use in this investigation. They were A-286, proposed for use to 1200 F, and Rene' 41, proposed for use to 1600 F. Chemical analyses of the core material of these alloys as supplied by the fabricator are given in Table I. These are probably representative of the sheet material.

Samples of A-286 were received in sheets .010" and .051" thick and as type 415 honeycomb core, .500" thick. Rene' 41 was received in sheets .010", .020", .032", and .065" thick and as honeycomb core in the same size as the A-286 core. All the material was received in the mill annealed condition, referred to as condition "A".

Specimens for tensile, stress-rupture, and creep tests of the base metals were machined as shown in Figure 1. Brazed shear specimens were made as shown in Figure 2 and wet ground to the configuration shown in Figure 3.

The high temperature brazing alloys used in this investigation are listed in Table II. Due to the powdered form of nearly all the brazing alloys, only single skin sandwich specimens were made. Small sandwich specimens, approximately 3/4" x 3/4", were brazed using honeycomb core and one .010" thick skin for all the brazing, salt spray corrosion, and oxidation tests.

Edge and face compression specimens were made from brazed 6" x 6" honeycomb sandwich panels as shown in Figures 4 and 5. These panels were brazed with an alloy in foil form.*

^{*}See Supplemental Sheet S-1

PROCEDURE:

Part A - Brazing & Testing of Small Panels:*

Small brazing specimens, 3/4" x 3/4", were prepared by wiring a piece of honeycomb core to a square of .010" thick skin material. A measured quantity of the powdered braze alloys was placed on the skin and retained in place with water or a dilute solution of borax during assembly. Thereafter, care was exercised to prevent loss of the braze alloy. This was not necessary with the three braze alloys obtained as foil, viz., Coast 1700 (75 Cu-25 Mn), Coast 1700 + 10% Ni, and Coast 1700 + 10% Co + 5% Ni.

Brazing of the small specimens was performed in a 2" diameter stainless steel tube inserted into a Marshall furnace. The end of the tube which was subjected to heat was closed. The other end was fitted with a flanged, gasketed closure clamped in place, permitting vacuum purging. The temperature in the retort was controlled by a thermocouple attached to one of the specimens. The cold tube was alternately purged with vacuum and argon gas at -100 F dry bulb, for a minimum of five cycles. Brazing was performed in the argon atmosphere at atmospheric pressure.

Honeycomb sandwich panels, 6" x 6" size, were placed two high in a flat stainless steel retort. A 321 stainless steel plate .125" thick was placed under the bottom panel to assure flatness of the anels. A small amount of dry cobalt trifluoride, CoF₃, approximately 1/2 gram per retort, was placed under the plate, away from the sandwich specimens, to provide gaseous fluoride flux as an aid in brazing. The temperature within the retort was controlled by a thermocouple placed between the panels. The retorts were alternately purged with vacuum and argon gas, at -100 F dry bulb, while cold for a minimum of ten cycles. Brazing was performed in mercury, absolute pressure.

Oxidation tests were conducted by exposing small open-face honey-comb sandwich specimens in a electric furnace for a minimum of 100 hours. The same type of specimens were used to determine the corrosion resistance on exposure of 250 hours to salt spray.

Part B - Brazed Shear Tests:

Specimens for shear strength determinations were prepared with a gap of .0015" for brazing. The specimens were brazed and aged in a closed stainless steel retort. The specimens were subsequently wet ground to the configuration shown in Figure 3 for test.

Short-time shear tests were performed by loading the brazed area at an approximate rate of 6960 psi per minute.

*See Supplemental Sheet S-1.

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Part C - Mechanical Property Determinations of Base Metals:

Tensile specimens were heat treated in a closed stainless steel retort in an electrically heated furnace. The specimens were separated by stainless steel wires .032" diameter, to promote uniform heating and cooling. The temperature was controlled by attaching a thermocouple to one specimen in each retort. The retorts were alternately purged with vacuum and argon gas, at -100 F dry bulb, for a minimum of five cycles. Solution treating and aging were performed in the argon atmosphere at atmospheric pressure. Tensile specimens were tested in a 5000 lb. Baldwin universal testing machine.* A Marshall furnace was used in the elevated temperature tests.

The specimens for stress rupture testing were heat treated and aged with the tensile specimens. A small number of the specimens were tested on Riehle creep machines, using a Marshall furnace.

RESULT'S:

Considerable difficulty was encountered in machining specimens of Rene' 41, due to the work hardening characteristics of the alloy. Table III gives the hardness values of the Rene' 41 and A-286 alloys as received in the annealed condition and as heat treated. Table III also gives the hardness values obtained by exposing to various brazing temperatures and aging at 1400 F and the mechanical property values of the ribbon from which the honeycomb core was manufactured. The latter values were supplied by the honeycomb core manufacturer. Table IV gives the room temperature tensile properties of the Rene' 41 and A-286 alloys after heat treatment. Table V gives results of shear tests of brazed joints in these alloys.

Specimens of Rene' 41 for tensile testing exposed for 100 hours at 1400 F and at 1600 F were badly oxidized with both black and green oxides. Limited stress rupture testing of .035" thick Rene' 41 specimens at 1600 F gave the following results:

25.4 hours to failure at 15 ksi load 68.4, 42.9, and 34.6 hours to failure at 12.5 ksi load 161.1 hours to failure at 10 ksi load 50.9 hours to failure at 7.5 ksi load

Variations in the stress rupture life at this temperature are attributed to the excessive oxidation of the specimens during the test. A-286 tensile specimens exposed for 100 hours at 1200 F showed only superficial oxidation and are yet to be tested.

*Strain rate was approximately .003 in./in./min. thru yield.

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Table II lists the commercial high temperature brazing alloys used in this investigation. Tables VI and VII list the approximate compositions of a series of powdered brazing alloys which were specially formulated in this work. These were used in efforts to determine the source of the eroding and embrittling action of the commercial brazing alloys on the thin honeycomb core materials. The results are included in Tables VI and VII.

The results of shear and brazed panel tests conducted on A-286 brazed with Coast 1700 + 10% Co + 5% Ni are given in Table VIII.

Figure 6 shows a typical condition encountered in the erosion of the honeycomb core materials at the nodes and intermittently along the fillets when brazed with the commercial alloys. Figures 7 through 1^μ are photomicrographs of brazed joints showing alloy structures and honeycomb core ends attacked by the high temperature brazing alloys.

Figure 15 shows the fillet and node flow of an A-286 panel brazed with Coast 1700 + 10% to + 5% Ni. Figure 16 shows a typical fillet from the panel. Figure 17 shows a fillet after 250-hour salt spray exposure. Figure 18 shows a fillet after 120-hour exposure in air at 1200 F.

DISCUSSION

A-286 is an iron-base precipitation hardening alloy containing 2.1% Ti. The hardening phase is thought to be the compound Ni3Ii. Rene' 41 is a nickel-base precipitation hardening alloy containing approximately 3% Ti and 1.5% Al. The hardening phase is thought to be Ni3 (Ti,Al). The presence of aluminum and titanium in increasing amount has been found to increase the problems of brazing. Both alloys are difficult to braze without the use of a flux.

Tensile tests of the two base metals showed the materials responded favorably to heat treatment as compared with published data. The hardness values for Rene' 41 were somewhat low due to deliberately slow cooling from the solution temperature to simulate production cooling of structures from the brazing temperatures. However, the hardness value for A-286 was normal. Oxidation of Rene' 41 tensile specimens for 100 hours at 1400 and 1600 F showed that the alloy in sheet form oxidized badly at both temperatures. Limited stress rupture testing at 1600 F yielded the same result with a low stress rupture life. Some oxidation of the A-286 specimens exposed for 100 hours at 1200 F was apparent. No stress rupture tests were performed on A-286 at 1200 F.

Brazed shear strength values for commercial alloys joining Rene'41 and A-286 are given in Table V. The brazed joints were extremely hard and brittle.

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Upon receipt of Rene! 41 and A 286 honeycomb core material, preliminary work consisted of checking previously obtained results on
the .0015" thick materials. Single-face brazed sandwiches were
made using Nicrobraz. Solabraz IX1, Coast 50, 52, 53, 3.E. alloys
J8100 and J8205, and a nickel-base alloy containing 24% palladium.
Specimens were brazed with and without flux. It was found that
poor brazes resulted when borax flux was not used. In both cases,
however, the brazing alloys dissolved the thin core material
selectively at the nodes where the larger amounts of brazing alloy
corcentrated, as is shown in Figure 6, and rendered the material
quite brittle. Figures 7, 8 9, and 10 snow brazes made with
some of the brazing all ys or A 286. Figure 11 shows Rene! 41
brazed with Solabraz IX1. This was the most satisfactory appearing
brazener: of the group.

Some brazing alloys with very low carbon content were received from foast Metals, Ira. These were 52LC, 50 Sp.Co., 132E, Co Ti 3B, and fo Ti 2B. These also attacked the core excessively or gave poor thazes. Figures 6. 12, 13, and 14 show the results.

Experiments in mixing crazing alloys for determining the effects of various constituents were the following:

- Varying the palladium content of Ni-Si-Cr alloy as indicated in Table VI;
- 2 Employing Mr, ou, and Co in a Ni-Si-B alloy, as indicated in Table VII, to soften the braze alloy and resser the attack on the core.

In this work, borax was used as a flux.

The experiments indicated that there was no advantage in using palladium in the high temperature brazing alloys of the Ni-Si-Ir type. It did not prevent the hardening effect of boron. In small amounts, it did not improve corrosion resistance, and in large amounts, it contributed to dissolution of the core. The experiments based on adding Mn, Cu, and Co to Ni-Si-B alloys were unsuccessful. The tests did indicate that a narrow melting range brazing alloy, or one low in B and Si will be necessary if the core erosion problem being encountered is to be overcome.

The brazed specimers listed in Table VII were oxidized in air for 100 hours. The exposure temperatures were 1200 F for A-286 and 1600 F for Rene' 41. The specimens of A-286 were in poor condition, and the Rene' 41 specimens were converted almost to oxide powders. Suspecting the dilute borax solution used as a flux, base metal specimens of A-286 and Rene' 41 honeycomb core and .010" thick sheet were dipped in dilute borax solution and allowed

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to dry. The specimers were placed in furnares alorgaide clean specimers of the same materials and ixidized for 100 hours at temperatures as above. The Bene 4, specimens with break oxidized to powder while the clear specimers developed only surface oxides. The $E(1)^{126}$ specimens with borax were more exidized than the clear specimers

Specimens were reprazed without boraxiusing loast alloys 5250, 52 tp. 1. To It 35, and 132E. The trazes were of poor quality, and the plan hardness values of the prazement persisted.

In the fourth quarter, Toast 1700 allovs nortaining 10% N1 and 10% on 4 and 11 were received with the marufacturer's assurances of our side resistance die to the ninkel or tent. Preliminary traffic established that the correstor resistance was good, altituting green compounds were formed on the surface of the base metals. The 100 To 5% of alloy dissolved the oure to a lesser extent during trazing than the allow obtaining 10% Ni. The former was therefore selected for pares brazing tests.

Three c" x 6" parets were invited it A-Dôr with the loast 1700 * 10% 10 * 6% of trazing alloy and one if here. At with the same brazing allot. The triee panels of a 26% appeared good, although it is believed that the quality of the traze could be improved by the use of more brazing alloy possibly resulting in heavier fillets and rides. The brazing alloy was in the form of foil 100.8" third. After pickling, the thickness was reduced to approximately 2001". The here: 4, parel was weak due to complete tack of model ow and intermittent formation of fillets.

Shirt time shear tests of A 78° brazed with Coast 1700 + 10% Co + 5% 11 gave average values of 49.020 psi at room temperature, 29.500 psi at 1000 F, and 19.600 psi at 1200 F. Inree edge compression and two face compression specimens from the A-286 panels failed in the none when tested at room temperature. The values given in Table VIII, although considerably less than specified for 17.0000 brazed kineycomb sandwich panels, are about as would be expected for this allive.

A 28% has a room temperature tensile yield strength of about 94 ksi as compared with 160 ksi for 17-7PH steel. The Coast 1700 + 10% Co + 5% if alloy did not harden the core or form hard brittle intermetallic compounds within the joint.

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Brazed honeycomb sardwich panels, 6" x 6" size, of A-286 have beer successfully made, using coast 1700 + 10% cobalt + 5% nickel brazing alloy. The brazed panels have good resistance to salt spray corresion and 1200 F exidation. Microscopic examination revealed only slight core dissolution when a ten-minute brazing cycle was employed.

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Arl the high temperature brazing alloys used in this investigation, with the exception of the copper-margarese base alloys, dissolved and embrittled core materials in A-286 and Rene! 41. This characteristic is undesirable in homeyouth sandwich construction.

No practical means has been found for applying powdered braze allows to sheet materials to permit homeyours sandwich construction. The larbor content of organic binders has adverse effects both on brazing and or the properties of the low carbor base metals. The use of horax as a contined binder and flux resulted in serious exidation of Renei 41 at 1600 F.

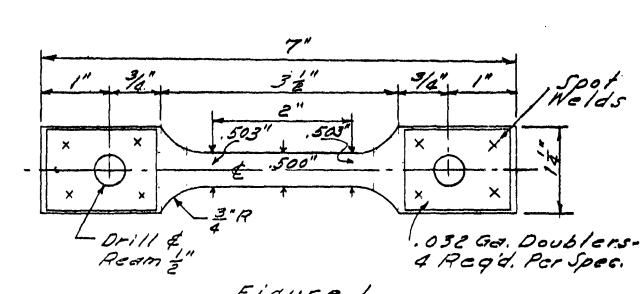
Although not entirely satisfactory, Schatraz IX, was the only high temperature brazing alloy for drazing Fenel 41 honeycomb sandwith parels.

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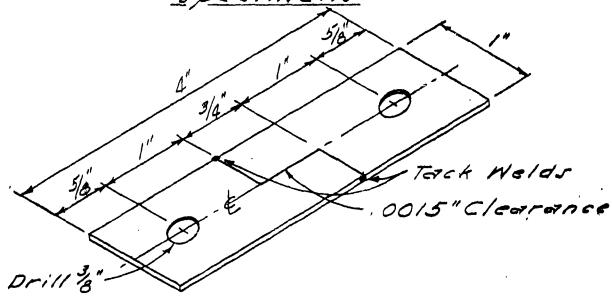


Figure 2

Shear Strength Specimen Ready

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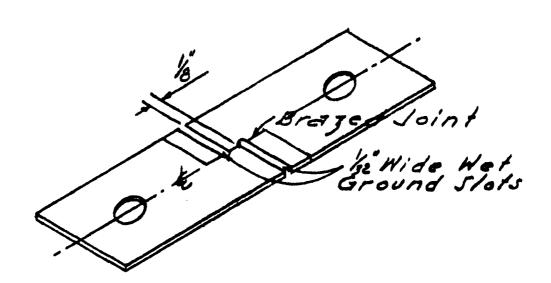


Figure 3

Brazed Shear Strength Spesimen

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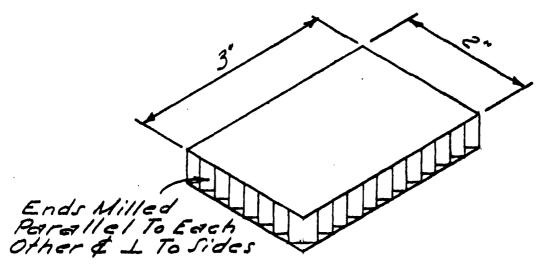


Figure 4

Edge Compression Specimen

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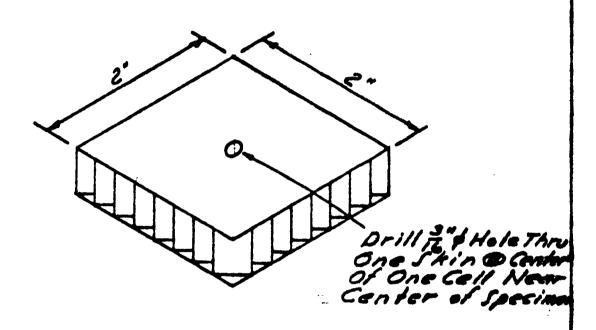


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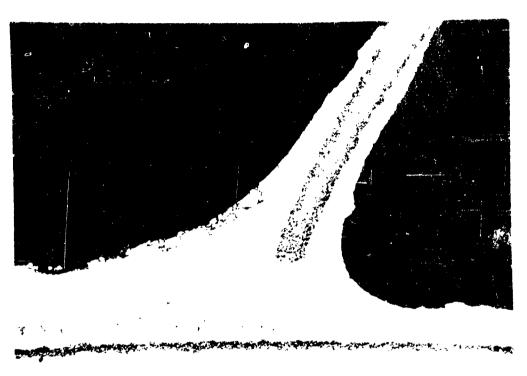
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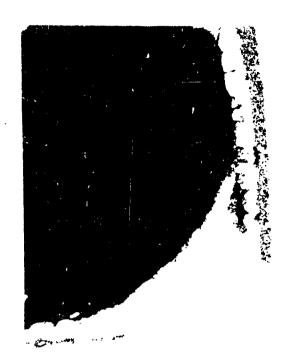




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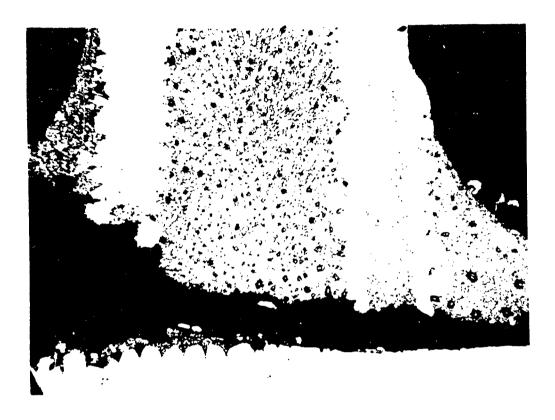
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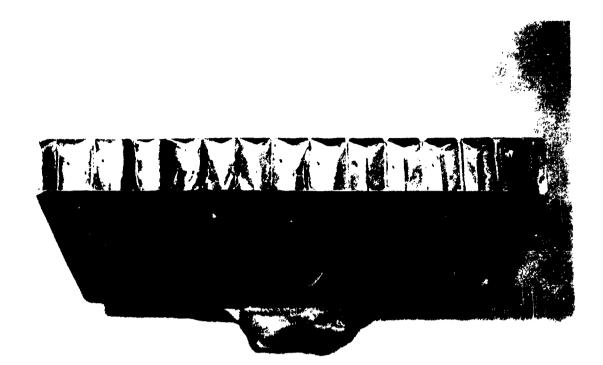
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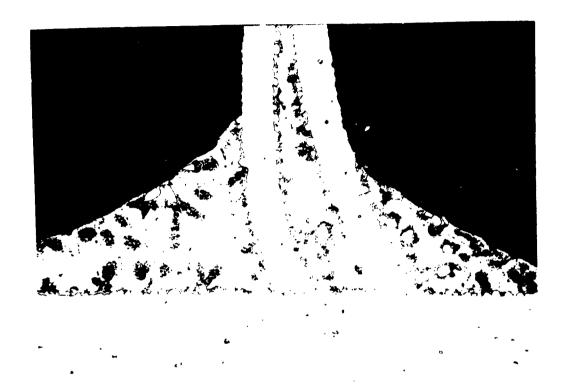




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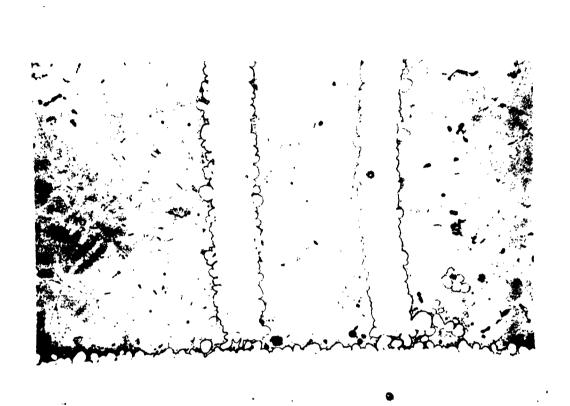
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TABLE I CHEMICAL ANALYSES* OF CORE MATERIAL USED IN THE INVESTIGATION

ELEMENT	RENE! 41	A-286
Nickel	54.9	25.04
Iron	.48	53.64
Chromium	19.11	15.04
Molybdenum	9.73	1.07
Cobalt	10.99	nin dis ais dis ins
Carbon	.11	.041
Manganese	.02	1.19
Aluminum	1.47	.18
Titanium	3.04	2.12
Silicon	.14	.76
Boron	.006	.0016
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^{*} As supplied by the fabricator

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TABLE III

BASE METAL HARDNESS VALUES

BASE METAL	THICKNESS (IN.) CONDITION	HARDNESS
Rene' 41	.012	Annealed	Rc 20 (From RA)
	.012	н. т.	Ro 37.2 "
	.020	Annealed	Rc 22 (From R _D)
	.020	H. T.	Ro 35.6 "
	.035	Annealed	Ro 37.8
	.035	н. т.	Rc 41.7
A-286	.051	Annealed	R _B 78.5
	.051	н. т.	Ro 33.8

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MANUFACTURER'S DATA

Base Metal	CONDITION	Fty, KSI	Ftu,KSI	% ELON.	HARDNESS
Rene' 41	Annealed	109.	156.4	14	15T93(R _B 97+)
	Aged	183.4	202.1	2	15N82 (Ro43)
a-286	Annealed	51.7	82.	13	15T85.5(RB77)
	Aged	107.	126.8	6	15N74 (Ro28)

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HARDNESS AFTER BRAZING FOR TEN MINUTES & AGING AT 1400 F FOR SIXTEEN HOURS

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A-286	.051	1875	28.1
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Testing of small sandwich panel test specimens was accomplished in a 60,000 pound Baldwin universal testing machine. The procedure for each type specimen is listed below:

1. Edge Compression Test

- The test machine loading head and platen are checked for parallelism and necessary adjustments made by shimming to insure parallelism.
- Test specimens are placed in the machine with the 3.00" edges normal to the bearing surfaces,
- Testing is accomplished by applying a continuous load to the 2.00" edge at a rate of 8,000 pounds per minute until failure.

Flat Compression Test

- The test machine is again checked and adjusted for parallelism as specified above.
- Test specimens are placed in the test machine in a flat position.
- Testing is accomplished by applying a continuous compressive load to the face of the specimen at a rate of 8,000 pounds per minute until failure.